A

Defiance and Indiction

OF

WAR

Sent by

Sultan Mahomet IV.

TO

LEOPALD

Emperour of Germany,

WHEREBY

He does determine the Confusion and Ruin of the Empire, and of the Princes of *Christendom*, and the Destruction of *Vienna* the Imperial City.

BY the sufferance and power of the great God, We *Sultan Mahomet*, God on Earth, High and Omnipotent Emperor of all the World, Defender of the *Mahometan* Faith, Patron and Protector of all Christians which submit and give obedience to our Imperial Commands, We send and declare unto thee *Leopala*, all wrath, calamity and infelicity, and a total Ruin and destruction to all thy Princes, Subjects and Abettors; We Publish, and truly declare unto thee, and to the whole Universe, That we by the sufferance and power of the great God, stiled and named the Omnipotent and Universal God on Earth, most High and Mighty Emperour, *Soldan* in *Babylon*, Lord of *America*, the most mighty in *Persipolis* and *Numidia*, the great Assistant and helper of God, Prince from the Road of *Barbary* unto the Mountains of *Achaia*, King of Kings from the Meridian to the *Septentrian* of the Earth, from the rising place of the Sun to the setting of it, supream Commander of all the Seas in the Universe, the first and chiefest placed in the Paradice of *Mahomet*, the Ca-

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lamity and deſtroyer of Chriſtendom and of all Hereticks, Infidels and Chriſtians, the keeper and defender of the Sepulcher of thy Crucified God, the only victorious and Triumphant Lord and Soveraign of all the World, and of all the Dominions and Territories thereof, Thou *Leopald*, which ſtileſt and writeſt thy ſelf King of our Kingdom of *Hungary*, which is under our Obeyſance, We will viſit thee again for that cauſe, and alſo with our ſtrength and might of thirteen Kingdoms, with the power and force of our *Janizaries*, *Saphies*, *Aſaphies*, to the number of 300000 as well Horſemen and Footmen prepared for War, with all the power and ſtrength of Munition, and with ſuch power as thou nor none of thy Servants have ſeen, heard, or had knowledge of, even before thy chief City *Vienna*, and the Country thereabouts. We *Sultan Mahomet*, ſupream God on Earth, againſt thee with all thy Aiders, Helpers and Abettors which our Warlike ſtrength do pronounce, declare, and proteſt your uttetmoſt deſtruction, ruin and depopulation, as we can by all means poſſible deviſe and contrive: And this we do ſignifie unto thee, to the which thou and thy inſeparable people may prepare your ſelves. With us it is determined, with our men appointed, thee and all thy *German* Kingdoms, Territories and Dominions finally to confound and deſtroy: This Miſery and Calamity we have conſented unto againſt thee and thy Princes; and have thou no doubt but we will come. And We the Almighty God of the whole Univerſe, do hereby further declare, That all thoſe who ſhall ſubmit themſelves to our Omnipotency, and yield obedience to our Commands, ſhall not only be protected and rewarded with Territories and Lands according to their reſpective Merit, but ſhall have Liberty of Conſcience, and a free exerciſe of their Religion, let them be *Jews* or *Greeks*, *Otocompadians* or *Lutherans*, or *Calviniſts*, or of any other Perſwaſion, other than Idolaters, and Jeſuits whom we do abhor, and do propoſe to proſecute with Fire and Sword. In theſe Reſolutions we doubt not of the Concurrence, Affection, and well wiſhes of all good People.

Dated in the City of Conſtantinople, *out of which we did baniſh your Predeceſſors, their Wives, Children and Friends, and made them moſt miſerable Slaves and Captives, the Year of our Raign Thirty Sixth.*

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